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SUBJ: PRAVDA ON HESS

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1. APPARENTLY SEEKING TO CHILL A POSSIBLE PUBLIC DRIVE IN THE WEST FOR THE RELEASE OF RUDOLPH HESS, PRAVDA (JANUARY 7), IN A COMMENTATOR'S COLUMN BY V. MEN'SHIKOV, ATTACKS THOSE WHO HAVE BEGUN A "CLEMENCY" CAMPAIGN FOR ONE OF THE "RINGLEADERS OF THE HITLERITE REICH." IN THE FIRST SOVIET EDITORIAL COMMENTARY ON HESS IN AT LEAST A YEAR (IF NOT LONGER), MEN'SHIKOV STRONGLY IMPLIES - BUT DOES NOT STATE FLATLY - THAT MOSCOW WOULD REJECT ANY APPEAL FOR HESS' RELEASE OR PARDON. MEN'SHIKOV POINTEDLY NOTES HE WAS SENTENCED BY AN INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT.

2. DISPLAYING SOME CONCERN THAT MOSCOW MIGHT BE JUDGED INSENSITIVE

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TO HUMANITARIAN ARGUMENTS FOR HESS' RELEASE, MEN'SHIKOV ACCUSES BOURGEOIS IDEOLOGISTS OF "CYNICALLY SPECULATING ON THE HUMANE FEELINGS OF PEOPLE" IN CONNECTION WITH HESS. MEN'SHIKOV THEN REFERS TO SONG MY, DESTROYED ARAB VILLAGES, SPEECHES BY WEST GERMAN "REVANCHISTS AND NEONAZIS", AND PRISONERS IN SPANISH, PORTUGESE AND GREEK JAILS AS THE KIND OF "HUMANITARIAN" FEELINGS THAT, BY IMPLICATION, GUIDE THOSE WHO WOULD PLEADHESS' CASE.
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